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John Nichols

Dear John:

Things happen with amazing rapidity sometimes-- like now. I write this letter after completing the one that is attached. In the interim I have gained possession ~~of~~ (but not ownership) of a Mannlicher-Carcano carbine (model 1891/24, I guess after a quick check). Anyway, it has the Mannlicher-Carcano action, and I can now get a good view of it.

I had word out in various places, and got the good news this afternoon. I feel like I have just had a baby.

I have no clip and no ammo, but will soon make efforts to get both. I called Canadian Customs and learned that there would be no difficulty in bringing in small quantities

I doubt whether I can get a clip. If possible, if you ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ have any to spare, please send:

1) a clip
2) 5 or 10 rounds of ammo (WCC rounds not necessary; if this rifle looks like it can produce the results that we want, then I may ask you for WCC)

Weisberg has some ammo, too, so if you can't send these, I'll ask him. He may also have an extra clip.

In the mean time, I shall try to get the same things from commercial distributors.

I got your photos of the dented cases (shoulder dents). They are marvelous.

Seeing these causes me to think of another point that you can add to the material in the attached letter. This may apply only to your rifle, but I suspect that it applies to all. The unfired cases have rounded corners; the corners of the fired cases are sharply defined. Sharp corners were milled in your chamber, and when the sases were fired they took the shape of your chamber. By corners I mean the angle between the wall and the shoulder, and between the shoulder and the case neck. Look for this if you get to compare the evidence cartridges cases with Frazier's two test cases.

Good luck.

Still,

Dick

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